

July 23, 2002

Public Notice for 401 Certification

**Eureka Sand and Gravel Company
Christie Bar and Johnson Spini Bar Gravel Extraction**

Humboldt County

On June 3, 2002, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region received a request for Water Quality Certification from Eureka Sand and Gravel Company pursuant to administrative regulations and Federal Clean Water Act Section 401. The application covers disturbances to waters of the United States associated with gravel extraction at two areas on the Mad River.

The proposed project is located on the Christie gravel bar and the Johnson Spini gravel bar, located on the Mad River in Humboldt County. The project includes gravel extraction, installation of temporary bridge crossings, and road construction. Best Management Practices and mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project. The gravel extraction season spans from June 1 to November 1. Eureka Sand and Gravel Company conducts operations under a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report and Program Environmental Impact Report for Gravel Removal dated May 31, 1994.

Staff is proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Sections 3830-3869. Staff will consider all comments received during a comment period that ends 21 days after the date this notice is posted. For further information please contact Roy O'Connor at (707) 576-2670.